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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, RH, SG
SUBJ: SENGHOR OFFERS TO SHARE IMPRESSIONS OF NKOMO MEETING
WITH PRESIDENT CARTER

REF: A. STATE 017343, B. DAKAR 0652, C. DAKAR 0673

1. IN LETTER DATED JANUARY 27, SENECALESE PRESIDENT SENGHOR HAS ACKNOWLEDGED PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER OF JANUARY 26 (REFTEL A), COMPLIMENTED SELECTION OF SECRETARY VANCE AND OFFERED TO SHARE HIS IMPRESSIONS OF FORTHCOMING MEETING WITH JOSHUA NKOMO (REF B). FRENCH TEXT OF LETTER TRANSMITTED REFTEL C. ORIGINAL BEING POUCHEO. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I APPRECIATE THE LETTER WHICH YOU SENT ME ON JANUARY 27, 1977, ONLY A FEW DAYS AFTER THE ASSUMPTION OF YOUR OFFICIAL DUTIES.

I NOTE THAT YOU HAVE ASKED SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE TO BE IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH ME TO CONSULT WHEN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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OPPORTUNITY ARISES ON NEW INITIATIVES TO BE TAKEN TO FIND PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

FIRST OF ALL, LET ME THANK YOU FOR THAT MARK OF CONFIDENCE, WHICH I WILL ENDEAVOR TO MERIT. HAVING FOLLOWED HIS CARRER, I KNOW THAT MR. CYRUS VANCE IS A CAPABLE AND REFLECTIVE MAN. THAT IS WHY I WAS DELIGHTED WITH YOUR

CHOICE AT THE TIME.

M. JOSHUA NKOMO HAS ASKED THAT I RECEIVE HIM IN DAKAR,
BECAUSE HE WOULD LIKE TO CONSULT WITH ME. I HAVE ACCEPTED
THIS WITH PLEASURE. AFTER SEEING HIM, I CERTAINLY WILL
GIVE YOU MY IMPRESSIONS OF OUR CONVERSATION.

IN THE MEANTIME, I HOPE THAT YOU WILL ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT,
THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

LEOPOLD SEDAR SENGHOR. END QUOTE.

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